

# Green Waste Recycling

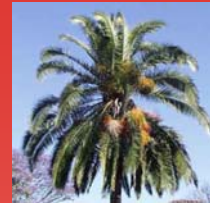
## YES

Small Branches and Prunings  
Grass Clippings  
Cut Flowers  
Ivy  
Leaves  
Plants



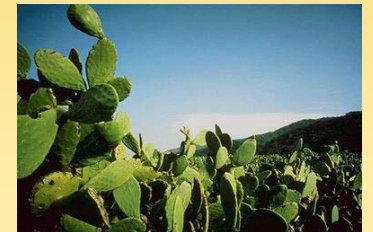
## NO

Logs Larger than 2' Across or 9' Long  
Plastic Bags, Pots, Hoses  
Animal Waste/Manure  
Lumber or Plywood  
Palm Fronds  
Pampas Grass  
Food Waste  
Dirt or Rocks



## SMALL AMOUNT ONLY

Succulents  
Iceplant  
Yucca Plants  
Cactus  
Bamboo



### What is Green Waste Recycling?

Organic materials such as branches, grass clippings, cut flowers, and leaves are collected in separate bins and ground into mulch. This mulch is put back onto the soil by gardeners, residents, and commercial agriculture to keep the soil moist, suppress weeds, and build up the soil. Call the Transfer Station at 681-4346 to get mulch.

### Who Can Get Green Waste Service?

Green waste recycling in carts, cans, or dumpsters is available to residents in single family homes, owners of multi-unit complexes, and businesses or institutions. For single family homes, the first 32 gallons are free, and for commercial accounts, the first 95 gallons are free!

Call your hauler to start service.

BFI 965-5248

MarBorg 963-1852

### When is Green Waste Collected?

Residential green waste is picked up once per week, on trash day. Commercial green waste is picked up according to the hauler's schedule. Christmas Trees are picked up with the regular green waste. Place tree next to green waste container.

### How Do I Prepare the Materials?

Please do not put anything in plastic bags! Remove stands and tinsel from Christmas trees. If tree is longer than 6', cut into 6' lengths. No flocked trees.

### Can I Get More Green Waste Cans?

You can either pay for additional cans or reduce waste by:

- Using a mulching mower that grinds grass clippings and integrates them back into the lawn.
- Putting autumn leaves under bushes and trees for use as mulch.
- Composting leaves and grass, and saving the can for woody material.

For more information on reducing green waste and sustainable gardening see:

[www.greengardener.org/resources.htm](http://www.greengardener.org/resources.htm)

For composting information see:

[www.lessismore.org/htdocs/full\\_featured/programs/back\\_yard\\_composting.html](http://www.lessismore.org/htdocs/full_featured/programs/back_yard_composting.html)

### How Can I Recycle Truck Loads of Green Waste?

Residents and commercial gardeners can self haul green waste to MarBorg, BFI, or the South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station, (the former dump) for recycling. As long as the material is 100% recyclable, (no trash, no bags) you can dump it for a reduced rate. Entire loads of *Small Amount Only* materials (see reverse) will be charged as trash and not recycled. Call for rates and schedule.

MarBorg

963-1852

BFI

965-5248

Transfer Station

681-4345



City of Santa Barbara

## Green Waste Recycling Guide

For Residents and Businesses



Environmental Services

805-564-5587

[www.sbrecycles.org](http://www.sbrecycles.org)

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